

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the final Office Action issued December 22, 2004. The Examiner objected to claim 22. The Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,808 to Burdick (Burdick) modified by U.S. Patent No 4,861,947 to Altermatt *et al.* (Altermatt). The Examiner indicated that claims 20-25 were allowable.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 22. Specifically, the Examiner objected to the “a plurality of electrical conductors” and “said flat mounting surface” recitations.

Claim 22 has been amended above, in view of which the objections are believed to be obviated.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On pages 2-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Burdick modified by Altermatt.

The Examiner indicated that claim 20 was allowable. In an effort to hasten the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, claim 1 has been amended above to include the recitations of claims 19 and 20. Therefore, the Examiner’s rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 of the claims are believed to be overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 20-25 were allowable. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner’s indication of allowable subject matter. In an effort to

hasten the issuance of a Notice of Allowance and while reserving the right to pursue the rejected claims in one or more continuing patent applications, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claims 19-20 and claims 22 and 24 have been placed in independent form.

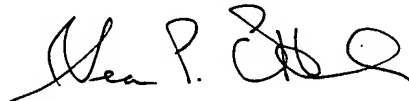
Additional Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Swidler Berlin LLP Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (order no. 20562.0002).

Conclusion

Claims 13, 19, 20, and 23 have been canceled, and claims 1, 21, 22, and 24 have been amended. Claims 1-12, 14-18, 21, 22, 24, and 25 are pending in the application, and are believed to be in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's objections and rejections of the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims. Should the Examiner feel further communication would help prosecution, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean P. O'Hanlon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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